



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/981,346	10/16/2001	Kazumi Fujikura	SHO 1006-01US	5500
28327	7590	10/22/2004	EXAMINER	
THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN A. GRIECCI 703 PIER AVE., SUITE B #657 HERMOSA BEACH, CA 90254			PITARO, RYAN F	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			2174	

DATE MAILED: 10/22/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/981,346	Applicant(s) FUJIKURA, KAZUMI	
	Examiner Ryan F Pitaro	Art Unit 2174	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 –11 have been examined.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities on page 5 line 18 the applicant discloses a second invention. Only one invention is allowed per application, a suggestion would be to disclose embodiments instead of inventions.
3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 33 lines 23-24 the applicant discloses the transmission button P shown in Figure 7 and 8, wherein it should read Figures 6 and 7. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. The claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.
6. Regarding claims 3-11 the phrase "such as" renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrases are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Art Unit: 2174

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chester et al ("Chester", Excel 97 Fourth Edition).

As per independent claim 1, Chester discloses a server which is connected to a plurality of terminals and exchanges data with the terminals, (page 35; *...when another user on the network.*), wherein a display screen of each of the terminals displays a paste field to which a multiple item display made up of a set of single item displays, each representing a single matter, is to be pasted, and a single matter display window which enables selection of a single matter corresponding to a single item display included in the multiple item display and definite display of the selected single matter (First figure on page 115; *where all cells are fields which accept a paste*).

As per claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, Chester discloses the multiple item display is made by means of arranging a plurality of single item displays in a row (first figure on page 115).

As per independent claim 3, Chester discloses a method which enables collective input of input item information pertaining to a plurality of input items prepared in a predetermined format, (Page 738, *text import wizard*) on a web page by means of operation of a WEB terminal (Page 736; *copied into excel using the clipboard* and page 727; *The Web Form Wizard*), the method comprising the steps of: prompting entry of a

delimiter for a plurality of input items at the time of collective input of the input information, thereby distinguishing to the input delimiter and enabling perception of the collectively-input a plurality of items in a divided manner on a per input item basis (Page 738 Delimiters other than commas).

As per independent claim 4, Chester discloses a control method comprising an operation for preparing, beforehand, a plurality of input items to be input in a predetermined format, (Page 738; *text import wizard*), on a WEB terminal as input item information formed by consecutively arranging the input items in no particular order, and an operation for enabling collective input of the plurality of input items in a row on a WEB page of a WEB server connectable to the WEB terminal by way of the Internet through pasting operation of the WEB terminal (Page 736; *Copied using the clipboard* page 727; *Web Form Wizard*) wherein a plurality of type selection display windows equal in number with the input items are arranged in parallel with the input items in the vicinity of an input field where the input items are to be collectively input in a row (Pages 277-78, Figure 10.3 and 1st figure on page 278; *inherent that a drop-down selection menu can be arranged in a row see similar example figure 17.5*) for each of the input items collectively input in the form of a row, type is input to the corresponding type selection display window (Page 270; *Custom Validation*).

As per claim 5, Chester discloses an input control method which enables collective input of input item information constituted of a plurality of input items previously prepared for placing an order for products by a WEB terminal into a WEB page from the WEB terminal (Page 727; *Web form Wizard*) in a predetermined format

(page 738; *Text import wizard*), through a pasting operation at the time of input of the input items into the WEB page of a WEB server by way of the WEB terminal (Page 736; *copied using the clipboard*), wherein the input items mixedly comprising a plurality of types of input item information items (Page 280; *Figure 10.5*); the WEB server prompts the user of the WEB terminal to enter a delimiter for the plurality of input items at the time of collective input of input items and can separately perceive the collectively-input input items on a per-unit item basis by means of subjecting the input delimiter to discrimination processing (Page 738; *Working with delimiters other than commas*); and the WEB server arranges type selection display windows for user in selectively inputting input type, which windows are equal in number with the input items, in the vicinity of an input field on the WEB page (Page 727 ; *web form wizard*) where the input types of the input items are collectively input in a row during the collective input of input items (*inherent example on page 457 similar to Fig 17.5*) thereby prompting selective input of input type into the type selection window by way of the WEB terminal, and converts input information into a format formed by arrangement of uniform input items in accordance with the input type entered in the type selection display window, for ensuring consistency with information entered into the WEB page from another WEB terminal (Page 279; *Custom Validation*).

Claims 6,9 are individually similar in scope to claim 3, and are therefore rejected to under similar rationale.

Claims 7,10 are individually similar in scope to claim 4, and are therefore rejected to under similar rationale.

Claims 8,11 are individually similar in scope to claim 5, and are therefore rejected to under similar rationale.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Bowman et al (US# 6,751,736) teaches an E-commerce web page.
- Kraft et al (US# 6,084,585) teaches pull-down menus and input fields.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan Pitaro whose telephone number is (703) 605-1205. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. The Patent Office is moving, after mid October the new telephone number where Ryan Pitaro can be reached is (571) 272 – 4071.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 703-308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Art Unit: 2174

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Ryan Pitaro
Patent Examiner
Art Unit 2174

RFP

Kristine Kincaid
KRISTINE KINCAID
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2100